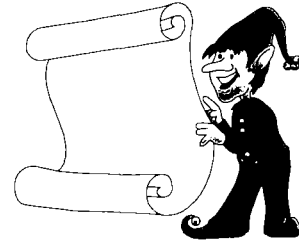




Community Update!!

Arsenic and Lead cleanup in your neighborhood



USEPA Region VIII

VB/I-70 Superfund Site

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has been working with your neighborhood representatives and other state and local agencies to find a solution to keep you and your family safe from high levels of lead and arsenic that might be in your soil.

Last summer EPA received public comments on our proposed soil cleanup plan. Many of you told us that we should lower our soil cleanup levels - and we listened to you.

So, here is WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING:

- In response to your comments, we created a new soil cleanup alternative that proposes to cleanup soil at 400 parts per million (ppm) of lead, and 70 ppm of arsenic (*If you are interested in this, please go to any of our information repositories listed below and look for "Final Feasibility Study Report Addendum for Operable Unit 1, Vasquez Boulevard/Interstate 70 Superfund Site).*
- We met with a national EPA Review Board to discuss the rationale, effectiveness, and other factors related to the above new alternative.

Here is WHAT WE WILL BE DOING:

- We will mail to you a NEW proposed cleanup plan that includes the new cleanup alternative of 400 ppm of lead, and 70 ppm of arsenic (*Look for the new Proposed Plan in your mailbox in late spring).*
- We will ask for your comments on the above new proposed plan (*Public comment period and public meetings expected to be in your neighborhood in early summer).*

- We will then make a final decision by fall of this year. We plan to begin cleaning up soils in 2004.

And here is WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW:

- We are currently out in your neighborhood sampling some of the yards that have not yet been sampled. If your yard has not yet been sampled, please contact one of us listed at the bottom of this page to arrange it.
- We are working through the details to secure the funding to begin immediately cleaning up some yards that need it the most.
- We continue to meet and work with other federal, state, and local agency representatives, and local community representatives to keep this cleanup project moving along and keep everyone informed.

If you have any questions or concerns about our work in your neighborhood, please contact either of the EPA representatives listed below, visit our information repositories, or go to our website at <http://www.epa.gov/region8/vbi70>.

Call us:

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